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THE ORDER OF THE CEREMONIES

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St. Georges Feast

AT

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When the

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OF THE

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The Manner of PROCEEDING TO THE CHAPPEL ON St. Georges Eve.

THE *Knights* come to the Preſence by three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in their Robes, there to attend the pleaſure of the *Sovereign*.

The *Sovereign* coming forth into the Preſence, and ſtanding be-

fore the *State*, ſaluteth the *Knights*, having ranked themſelves on both ſides; and then they proceed to the *Chappel* in manner following.

Poor Knights.

Prebends.

Officers of Arms.

Then the *Knights*, two and two, ſave ſuch as want their Companion.

Then the *Regiſter*, having *Garter* on his right hand, and the *Uſher* on his left.

Then the *Prelate* and the *Chancellor* on his left hand.

Then the *Sword* born by a Lord.

Then the *Sovereign*, his Train born by three young Noblemen, aſſiſted by the Gentleman of the Robes.

Thus Proceeding, when they come to the *Chapter-houſe* door, the *Sove-*

Sovereign, with the *Knights*, and the *Officers* of the Order enter in, where a *Chapter* is to be kept on the Eve always of course, unless it have been kept before in the *Privy-Chamber* by agreement of the *Sovereign* and Companions.

After the *Chapter* they proceed to the *Quire* in manner as before.

Then the *Poor Knights* enter first in one body, and making their obeysances first towards the *Altar*, next towards the *Sovereigns* Stall, they go up to the Steps before the *Altar*.

Then the *Prebends* enter, and having likewise made their Obeysances, take their Seats.

The *Officers* of *Arms* follow, having made their Obeysances, go up to the Steps of the Altar, and there divide themselves.

Then the two youngeſt *Knights* (or one if he want his Companion) enter the *Chappel*, as far as the *Sovereigns* Stall, then make their firſt Reverence towards the *Altar*, and then towards the *Sovereigns* Stall; and ſo aſcend up under their Banners, where they make their Reverences again, and ſtand before their Stalls.

So do all the reſt of the *Knights* in their Order; firſt, at their entry into the *Chappel*, and ſo again under their Banners.

Then the *Regiſter*, *Garter*, and *Uſher* make their Obeyſances, and ſtand before their Forms.

The like is done by the *Prelate* and *Chancellor*.

Then the *Sovereign* entreth, and ha-

having made Obeyſance towards the *Altar*, taketh his Stall.

The *Sovereign* being ſet, the two Eldeſt *Knights* make their Obeyſances, and go up to their Stall, where they do the like, and then ſit down.

So all the reſt in order, until all be placed in their Stalls.

Then the *Prelate* and *Chancellor* make their Obeyſances, and ſit down on their Forms.

The *Regiſter*, *Garter*, and *Uſher* do the like.

Then the *Service* beginneth, and the *Prelate* ariſing, maketh his Obeyſances, and is conducted to the *Altar* by the *Serjeant* of the *Veſtry*, with his gilt Verge.

Then the *Officers* of *Arms* come down in a Body, the *Kings* firſt, the

the *Heraulds* after, and the *Purſui-vants* laſt; and making their Obey-ſances, place themſelves on each ſide of the *Quire*, towards the *So-vereigns* Seat.

Then the *Poor Knights* come down likewiſe in one Body, and af-ther their Obeyſances made, take their Seats.

Then *Service* proceedeth, and being ended, the *Prelate* is con-ducted down from the *Altar* by the *Serjeant* of the *Veſtry* to his Seat, making his Obeyſances as be-fore.

Then the *Poor Knights* go up the Steps of the *Altar*, having made their Obeyſances.

So likewiſe do the *Officers* of *Arms*.

Then *Garter* making his Obey-ſances, cometh before the Stalls of the

the youngeſt *Knights*, and with a Reverence ſummoneth them to deſcend.

Then the *Knights* (beginning at the youngeſt) come down two and two, except ſuch whoſe Companions are abſent: and having made their Obeyſances, firſt above in their Stalls, do the like below, and place themſelves before their Stalls.

After all the *Knights* are come down, the *Officers* of the Order make their Obeyſances, *viz.* *Regiſter*, *Garter*, and *Uſher* firſt, then *Chancellor*, and *Prelate*, and ſtand before their Forms.

Then the *Poor Knights* come down in a Body, and making their Obeyſances, the *Puiſney* formoſt, they proceed out of the *Chappel*.

The *Prebends* coming out of their Seats, do the like.

Then the *Officers* of *Arms* come down in one Body, the *Purſuivants* firſt, and making their Obeyſances, go forth.

Then the two youngeſt *Knights* make their Obeyſances and go forth.

So do all the reſt in order, two by two, unleſs ſuch who want their Companions, who go alone.

Then the *Regiſter*, *Garter*, and *Uſher* do the like.

So likewiſe the *Prelate* and *Chancellor*.

Then the *Sovereign* deſcendeth and proceedeth in manner as before, to the *Preſence-Chamber*, where all ſave the *Poor Knights* (who ſtay in the great Chamber) enter: and the *Knights*

Knights having placed themſelves on both ſides, according as they ſit in their Stalls, the *Sovereign* paſſeth between them to the Step before the State, and there ſaluting them they depart until Supper time.

The firſt Service being placed on the Table, the *Knights*, with the *Officers* of *Arms* before them, proceed two and two before the *Sovereign*, except ſuch who want their Companions, to the place where they Sup.

There the *Officers* of *Arms* below, and the *Knights* towards the upper end of the Room place themſelves on a ſide oppoſite to the *Knights* Tables; on every of which is ſerved one Meſs; and that *Knight* who wants his Companion is to have the Meſs alone: And ſo the

Sovereign paſſing to the Haut-Pace before his Table, and ſaluting the *Knights*, is ſerved with Water: then Grace being ſaid, the *Sovereign* placed in his Chair, the chiefeſt *Knight*, if he want his Companion, is conducted by two *Officers* of *Arms* to his Table; and ſo all the reſt according to their Seniority, ſeating themſelves on the Bench ſide.

After Supper all the *Knights* proceed before the *Sovereign* as they came, to the Preſence; where the *Sovereign* having ſaluted them as before, they depart to their Lodgings.

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THE CEREMONIES

To be used on

St. Georges Day.

THE *Knights* to meet in the *Presence Chamber* by Eight of the Clock in the morning in their Robes.

The *Sovereign* coming forth, and having saluted the *Knights* in manner as the day before, the *Poor Knights*, *Prebends*, and *Officers* of *Arms* going before, they proceed towards the *Chappel* down the Stairs; at the foot whereof certain

Gentlemen of the *Privy-Chamber*, appointed by the *Lord Chamberlain*, attend with a Canopy, which they bear over the *Sovereign*; and ſo in order, as on the Eve, they paſs the ordinary way through the Courts down to the *Weſt Door* of the *Chappel*, and ſo up to the *Quire* Door, where the Gentlemen ſtay with the Canopy until the *Proceſſion*.

All being entred into the *Chappel*, and having made their Reverences, and taken their places in the ſame manner as on the Eve, Service beginneth.

Then the *Prelate* is conducted up to the *Altar*, as on the Eve, by the *Serjeant* of the *Veſtry*.

Then the *Officers* of *Arms* come down from the Steps of the *Altar*, and place themſelves as on the Eve.

So

So likewise the *Poor Knights*.

And *Service* proceedeth until Second Lesson be read.

Then the *Serjeant* of the *Vestry* goeth to the *Altar*, and conducteth the *Prelate* down to his Seat.

Then the *Poor Knights*, and after them the *Officers* of *Arms* go up to the *Altar*.

Then *Garter* after the former manner summoneth the Youngest *Knights* to descend.

In the mean time while the *Knights* come down from their Stalls, the Gentlemen of the *Chappel* put on their *Copes*, and order themselves for the *Procession*.

The *Knights* being all come down and placed before their Stalls, and the *Officers* of the Order before their

their Forms: the *Proceßion* beginneth in manner following.

First *Poor Knights.*

Then the *Serjeant* of the *Veſtry* with his gilt Verge.

Then the *Chappel*
Then the *Officers* of *Arms* } Proceed, having made their Reverences.

Then the Youngeſt *Knights*, and after them all the reſt in uſual order, making their Reverences, as at other times.

Then the *Regiſter*, *Garter*, and *Uſher*. } Having made their Reverences.
Then the *Prelate* and *Chancellor*. }

Then the Sword.

Then the *Sovereign* proceedeth under a Canopy, his Train born as before, and the *Vice-Chamberlain* in the abſence of the *Lord-Chamberlain*,

lain, attending ſomewhat behind on the ſide of the Canopy.

The *Pentioners* waiting on each ſide of the *Sovereign* and *Knights*.

And in the ſame manner they return to the *Quire*.

Where the *Poor Knights* enter with their uſual Obeyſance, and go up to the *Altar*.

The *Chappel* and *Prebends* in like manner take their Seats.

Then the *Officers* of *Arms* making their Obeyſances, go up to the Steps of the *Altar*.

Then the *Knights* in all reſpects as on the Eve, enter, make their Obeyſances, and place themſelves before their Stalls.

The *Officers* of the Order do the like, *viz.* *Uſher*, *Garter*, *Regiſter*, then the *Chancellor* and *Prelate*.

Then the *Sovereign* taketh his Stall.

Then the *Knights* in their accuſtomed manner take their Stalls; the two Eldeſt firſt.

Then the *Officers* of the Order, after their Obeyſances, take their places, as on the Eve.

Then the *Prelate* is conducted up to the *Altar* by the *Serjeant* of the *Veſtry*, and after him two *Prebends* are likewiſe conducted up by the *Verger*, and then the *Heraulds* and *Poor Knights* come down.

After the *Creed* is ſung and finiſhed, the *Prelate* pronounceth aloud, *Let your light ſo ſhine*, &c.

Then the *Officers* of the *Wardrobe* ſpread the Carpet upon the Steps going up to the *Altar*, and then the *Poor Knights* and *Officers* of *Arms* go up thither.

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Then *Garter* after the uſual manner ſummoneth the *Knights* to deſcend.

Then they deſcend as at other times, and place themſelves before their Stalls.

In the mean time the *Uſher* goeth up to the *Altar*, and there taketh the ſmall Carpet and Cuſhion from them of the *VVardrobe*, and ordereth the ſame againſt the *Sovereigns* coming.

Then the *Prelate* placeth himſelf in the midſt before the *Altar*, holding a gilt Baſin, the two *Prebends* being on each ſide of him.

Then the *Sovereign* deſcendeth, and goeth up to the *Altar*; and having made his Reverence towards the *Altar*, near his Stall, maketh an other when he aſcendeth the De-

grees, there going before him, first the *Regiſter*, and *Garter*, and then the *Chancellor*, then the *Lord* with the *Sword*; then the Eldeſt *Knight* ſomewhat behind to deliver the Offering, and his Majeſties Train is born as before.

The *Sovereign* kneeling, the *Uſher* on his knee giveth the Offering to the Eldeſt *Knight*, who likewiſe kneeling, delivereth the ſame to the *Sovereign*, which by him is put in the Baſin held by the *Prelate*, and is by him received, with the *Prebends* that aſſiſt him.

Then the *Sovereign* returneth to his Stall, conducted and attended as before; and turning, makes two Reverences, firſt below the Degrees, then near his Stall, the Officers behind doing the ſame towards

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wards the *Altar*, but not to his *Stall.*

The *Knights* all the while ſtanding before their Stalls, the two Eldeſt *Heraulds* come down from the Steps of the *Altar*, (and making their uſual Obeyſances) go to the two Eldeſt *Knights*, and doing Reverence unto them, after the ſaid *Knights* have made their Obeyſances, they conduct them to the *Altar* where they offer, and then are conducted to the lower end of the Stalls where they go up, and make their Obeyſances at their firſt entrance, and again when they come to their Stalls, and ſo ſit down.

Then the next two Eldeſt *Heraulds* go down as the other did, before the next two Eldeſt *Knights*, and conduct them by courſe until

all have offered. But if any *Knight* want his Companion, he is conducted alone.

All the *Knights* being placed in their Stalls, Service proceedeth, and being ended, the *Prelate* is conducted down to his Seat by the *Serjeant* of the *Vestry*, and the *Prebends* by the *Verger*.

Then *Garter* after the usual manner summoneth the *Knights* to descend.

And the *Knights* being come down and placed before their Stalls, and the Officers before their Forms, the *Poor Knights* come down from the *Altar*, as the night before, and go forth, and so do the *Prebends* and *Officers* of *Arms*.

Then the *Knights* in order.

Then the *Officers* of the Order.

Then

Then the *Sovereign* who is received under the Canopy at the *Quire* Door.

So they proceed the ordinary way out at the South Door to the Preſence, the Trumpets receiving them at the *Chappel* Door, and ſo going before, ſound all the way until they come to the Stairs foot that go up to the Preſence, where the Drums and Fifes begin to beat and ſound.

Being come into the Preſence, the *Sovereign* ſaluteth the *Knights* as at other times, and then all retire and repoſe themſelves until the *Sovereigns* Table be furniſhed.

Then they proceed to the place of Dinner, and in all reſpects do as the night before at Supper.

At the ſecond Courſe *Garter* in his

his Robe, and bearing his *Rod*, attended by the *Officers* of *Arms*, cometh with three Congies near the Haut-Pace, and having thrice cried Largeſs, proclaimeth the *Sovereigns* Stile in *Latin*, *French*, and *Engliſh*, as followeth:

Sereniſſimi, Excellentiſſimi, & Potentiſſimi Monarchæ Caroli *Secundi Dei Gratia, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regis, Fidei Defenſoris, & Supremi Nobiliſſimi Ordinis Garterii.*

Du Treſhault, Treſexcellent, & Treſpuiſſant Monarque *Charles* Second par le Grace de Dieu Roy, de la Grande Bretaigne, France, & Irelande, Defenſeur de la foy & Sove-

Soveraigne du tres noble Ordre de la Jartiere.

Of the moſt High, moſt Excellent, and moſt mighty Monarch, Charles **the Second, by the Grace of God, King of** Great Britain, France, **and** Ireland, **Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter.**

Then crying *Largeſs*, all the other *Officers* of *Arms* cry *Largeſs* thrice, and then go back with three Congies, their faces always to the *Sovereign*. And if there be any new *Knight* ſitting at the *Knights* Table, *Garter* cometh before him, cries *Largeſs* once, then Proclaims his Stile in *Engliſh*, and ſo departs.

After Dinner the *Knights* proceed before the *Sovereign* to the Preſence, where the *King* having ſaluted them, they depart to their Lodgings.

Note that always in their return from *Chappel*, they are to go to the Preſence, and from thence to the *Dining Chamber*, unleſs the *Sovereign* ſhall otherwiſe command.

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St. Georges Day
AT
NIGHT.

AT Evening Prayer they meet in the Preſence as on the Eve, and ſo proceed to the *Chapter-Houſe*, and from thence to the *Quire*, doing all things as the night before.

If there be any Election to be made, the *Chancellor* when Service is begun ariſeth, and making his Obeyſances, goeth to the Youngeſt *Knight* firſt, and taketh his *Votes*, and ſo in order to the Eldeſt, and

on the morrow delivereth the Scrutiny to the *Sovereign* in Chapter.

Service being ended, they do in all reſpects as on the Eve, and ſo proceed to the Preſence, and after to the *Hall* to Supper, and after Supper attend the *Sovereign* to the Preſence, where they take their leaves, and go to their Lodgings.

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Morrovv after St. George.

THE *Knights* meet at Eight in the morning, and putting on their Mantles only, proceed with their Hats before the *Sovereign* to the *Chapter-House*, attended as at other times, if it pleaſe the *Sovereign* to have a *Chapter*: and if any Scrutiny was made the night before, the *Chancellor* delivers the *Votes* to the *Sovereign* there.

Then if the *Sovereign* pleaſe to elect any new *Knight* into the Order, *Garter* is ſent to conduct him to the *Chapter-Houſe* Door, where he is met by two of the antienteſt

Knights, and conducted to the *Sovereign*, who puts the *George* about his neck, and the two *Knights* usually buckle the *Garter* about his Left Leg: and then they proceed in their ordinary Apparel before the rest of the *Knights* to the *Chappel*, and there stand before their Stalls during Service, unless the *Sovereign* shall give them leave to sit on Stools.

The proceeding from thence to the *Chappel* is to be performed in all respects, as the day before: All being placed, Service beginneth, and at the time of Offering they do in all respects as at the Offering on St. *Georges Day*.

The Offering ended, and the *Knights* all placed, while Service proceedeth, the *Officers* of *Arms* come

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come down from the *Altar*, and place themſelves as at other times.

Then the *Poor Knights* come down and do the like.

Then Service being ended, the *Prelate* and *Prebends* are conducted down as before.

Then the *Poor Knights* go up to the *Altar* as at other times.

So do the *Officers* of *Arms*.

Then *Garter* ſummoneth the *Knights* to deſcend as at other times.

All the *Knights* being before their Stalls, and the *Officers* of the Order before their Seats.

The *Poor Knights* come down, and go forth as at other times.

So do the *Prebends*.

And likewiſe the *Officers* of *Arms*.

Then the *Knights* go forth as they uſed to do.

Then

Then the *Officers* of the Order.

And laſtly, the *Sovereign*, and ſo going to the *Chapter-Houſe* Door, they all put off their Mantles and depart.

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